

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 03422 261648 Z

42

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 IO-12 EUR-25 CIAE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-09

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-14 USIA-12

AF-10 RSR-01 OMB-01 /126 W
----- 022614

R 261532 Z MAR 73

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1264

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

DIA WASHDC

CINCEUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3422

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE, IS

SUBJ: LEBANON- ISRAELI BORDER INCIDENT

REF: BEIRUT 2776

1. BEIRUT PRESS (AL ANWAR AND AL HAYYAT) REPORTS MINOR INCIDENT INVOLVING FEDAYEEN AND IDF IN SOUTH LEBANON MORNING OF MAR 24. ACCORDING TO PRESS, EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD NEAR ISRAELI SETTLEMENT OF ZARAAIT (JUST SOUTH OF LEBANESE- ISRAELI BORDER ACROSS FROM LEBANESE VILLAGE OF RAMIEH) WHICH BELIEVED CAUSED BY FEDAYEEN FIRING FROM INSIDE LEBANON. IDF RETURNED FIRE AT AREA NEAR RAMIEH AND SUBSEQUENTLY PARTROLLED STRIP ALONG BORDER, INSIDE LEBANESE TERRITORY, FOR HOUR OR SO. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED ON LEBANESE SIDE.

2. LEBANESE ARMY SOURCES SAYS THAT WHILE ARMY OUTPOSTS DID NOT RPT NOT HEAR EXPLOSIONS OR SEE ANY FIRING FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY, REST OF STORY REPORTED BY PRESS IS CORRECT. EDF FIRED FEW MORTAR ROUNDS AND SOME MACHINE-GUN BURSTS AT HILLSIDE NEAR RAMIEH AND THEN PATROLLED.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 03422 261648 Z

NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES ON LEBANESE SIDE AND LEBANESE
ARMY CAREFUL AVOID CONTACT WITH IDF.

3. COMMENT: JUST PRIOR TO REPORT OF THIS INCIDENT WE
HAD REPEATED OUR PREVIOUS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER
INCREASED FEDAYEEN PRESENCE IN SOUTH LEBANON TO TOP-
LEVEL LEBANESE ARMY COMMANDERS.
BUFFUM

CONFIDENTIAL

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 MAR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BEIRUT03422
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730338/aaaaihkn.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 BEIRUT 2776
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27-Dec-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <11-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 971229
Subject: LEBANON- ISRAELI BORDER INCIDENT
TAGS: PINS, IS, LE
To: AMMAN
CINCEUR
DIA WASHDC
JERUSALEM
NEA
SECSTATE WASHDC
TEL AVIV

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005